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Mary F. Parker
City Clerk



***ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION***

***JANUARY 16, 2001
12:15 P.M.***

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL

1. Call to Order--Roll Call.

A communication from the City Attorney requesting a Closed Meeting to consult with legal counsel on a matter of actual litigation, pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A)(7), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

A communication from the City Manager requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss a prospective business, where no previous announcement of the interest of the business in locating its facilities in the City has been made, pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A)(5), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

A communication from the Honorable Ralph K. Smith, Mayor, requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss vacancies on various authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council, pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

A communication from the Honorable C. Nelson Harris, Chair, City Council Personnel Committee, requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss the performance of three Council-Appointed Officers, pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION.

**THE MEETING OF ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE
DECLARED IN RECESS TO BE RECONVENED AT 2:00 P.M.**



***ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION***

***JANUARY 16, 2001
2:00 P.M.***

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL

1. Call to Order -- Roll Call.

The Invocation will be delivered by The Reverend Ethel Eaves, Associate Minister, Pilgrim Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America will be led by Mayor Ralph K. Smith.

Welcome. Mayor Smith.

NOTICE:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL RECEIVE THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AND RELATED COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, ETC., ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR REVIEW OF INFORMATION. CITIZENS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING A COPY OF ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, ROOM 456, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 215 CHURCH AVENUE, S. W., OR CALL 853-2541.

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ALL PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH THE STAFF ASSISTANT WHO IS LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

CONSENT AGENDA

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

C-1 A communication from the City Manager recommending approval of the proposed budget schedule for fiscal year 2001-02.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in recommendation contained in Option 1.

C-2 A communication from the Director of Real Estate Valuation transmitting the Annual General Reassessment Program for fiscal year 2001-02.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

C-3 A communication from Rodney P. Furr, Chair, Blue Ridge Community Services Board of Directors, requesting concurrence in the reappointment of John M. Hudgins for a term ending December 31, 2003, as an at-large member of the Blue Ridge Community Services Board of Directors.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in request.

C-4 A communication from Rita D. Bishop submitting her resignation as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file the communication and accept the resignation.

C-5 Qualification of the following persons:

Phillip F. Sparks as a member of the Economic Development Commission for a term ending June 30, 2003;
and

Pam Kestner-Chappelear as a member of the Human Services Committee for a term ending June 30, 2001.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS: NONE.

4. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. A report of the City Council Passenger Rail Service Committee. David A. Bowers, Chair.
- b. A communication from Michael W. Graff, Jr., representing the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Harrisonburg, Virginia, requesting concurrence in a resolution adopted by the Authority, and approval of a loan for the benefit of the Virginia Public Broadcasting Board, to assist in financing the acquisition of certain equipment for conversion of Virginia's public television stations to the new digital standard of the Federal Communications Commission.
- b. A communication from the Roanoke City School Board requesting appropriation of funds for various school accounts; and a report of the Director of Finance recommending that Council concur in the request.

5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

- a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS:

- 1. A briefing with regard to the 2000 Citizen Survey. (20 minutes)

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- 2. A communication recommending authorization to execute a contract with Downtown Roanoke, Inc., in connection with the use of a sidewalk cleaning machine to be purchased by Downtown Roanoke, Inc.

3. A communication requesting appropriation of \$5,013.00 in connection with funding for the Fifth District Employment and Training Consortium.
4. A communication recommending acceptance of Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grants to the Roanoke Public Library, in the amounts of \$94,328.00 and \$43,118.00; and appropriation of funds in connection therewith.

b. CITY CLERK:

1. A report advising of expiration of the three-year terms of office of Melinda J. Payne and Ruth C. Willson as Trustees of the Roanoke City School Board on June 30, 2001, and applications for the upcoming vacancies will be received in the City Clerk's Office until 5:00 p.m., on Friday, March 9, 2001.

c. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. A report requesting transfer of General Fund balance reserve for self-insured liabilities.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

8. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.

9. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- a. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Members of City Council.
- b. Vacancies on various authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council.

10. OTHER HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION.

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THE MEETING OF ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS AND RECONVENE AT 7:00 P. M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, FOURTH FLOOR, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 215 CHURCH AVENUE, S. W., CITY OF ROANOKE.



***ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION***

***JANUARY 16, 2001
7:00 P.M.***

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL

Call to Order -- Roll Call.

The Invocation will be delivered by Council Member C. Nelson Harris.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America will be led by Mayor Ralph K. Smith.

Welcome. Mayor Smith.

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A. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Public hearing to consider previously received applications for federal funds made available through the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) for transportation enhancement projects in fiscal year 2001-02. Darlene L. Burcham, City Manager.
2. Public hearing to receive comments regarding alternatives for the proposed I-73 project. Darlene L. Burcham, City Manager.

B. OTHER HEARING OF CITIZENS:

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THE MEETING OF ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL WILL STAND IN RECESS UNTIL MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2001, AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, FOURTH FLOOR, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 215 CHURCH AVENUE, S. W., CITY OF ROANOKE, AT WHICH TIME COUNCIL WILL RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT AND COMMENT ON TWO OPTIONS REGARDING VICTORY STADIUM.

January 16, 2001

Honorable Ralph K. Smith, Mayor, and Members of City Council
Roanoke, Virginia

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

Subject: Funding for the Fifth District Employment and Training Consortium

Background

The Fifth District Employment and Training Consortium (FDETC) administers the federally funded Workforce Investment Act (WIA) for the region, which encompasses the counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, Franklin and Roanoke as well as the cities of Clifton Forge, Covington, Roanoke and Salem. The FDETC serves two primary client populations:

- dislocated workers who have been laid off from employment through no fault of their own, and
- economically disadvantaged individuals as determined by household income guidelines set by the U.S. Department of Labor .

The City of Roanoke is the grant recipient and fiscal agent for FDETC funding, thus, City Council must appropriate the funding for all grants and other monies the FDETC receives.

- I. Family Services of Roanoke Valley has entered into an agreement with the Consortium has agreed to provide job placement assistance to approximately 100 referrals from parole officers for Drug Court during the period from November 1999 to October 2000. Family Services paid the Consortium \$19,795.00 or 1,649.00 per month. Family Services had requested, by letter, that the contract be extended through 12-31-00 at the same rate of reimbursement of \$1,649.00 per month. Family Services received additional funding for November and December 2000.

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- II Jurisdictions in the Fifth Planning District, which include the cities of Salem, Clifton Forge and Covington, the Counties of Roanoke, Alleghany, Botetourt, and Craig, as well as Franklin County, were requested by the FDETC to contribute funds to offset the agency's administrative costs. The City of Covington has sent a contribution of \$1,715.00 for the Fiscal Year 2001.

Considerations

- Program Operations - Existing activities will continue and planned programs will be implemented.
- Funding - Funds are available from the Grantor agency and other sources as indicated, at no additional cost to the City.

Recommended Action(s)

Appropriate the FDETC's funding totaling \$5,013 and increase the revenue estimate by \$5,013 in accounts to be established in the Consortium fund by the Director of Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene L. Burcham
City Manager

- c: James D. Grisso, Director of Finance
William M. Hackworth, City Attorney
George C. Snead, Assistant City Manager for Community Development
Glenn D. Radcliffe, Director of Human Services
Vickie Price, FDETC Executive Director

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

January 16, 2001

Honorable Ralph Smith, Mayor and Members of City Council
Roanoke, Virginia

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

Subject: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grants to the Roanoke Public Library

Background:

The Roanoke Public Library has been awarded two grants by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The grants are in the amounts of \$94,328.00 and \$43,118.00.

The first grant of \$94,328.00 is to be used to expand public access to computers and the Internet by purchasing computers and Internet connectivity equipment for the Gainsboro Branch, Jackson Park Branch, the Law Library, the Main Library and the Melrose Branch. Raleigh Court and Williamson Road Branches were not eligible for this grant.

The second grant of \$43,118.00 is to be used for a regional training lab as a resource for staff and public training in computer use and applications at the Main Library.

Recommended Action:

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grants be accepted and the City Manager be authorized to execute the requisite grant documents.

Revenue estimates in accounts to be established by the Director of Finance in the Capital Projects Fund. Appropriate funds in accounts to be established by the Director of Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene L. Burcham
City Manager

Attachments

c: City Clerk
City Attorney
Director of Finance
Acting Director of Libraries

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